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NENDER their thanks to their friends for

COLUMBUS, (MI.) TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1838.

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## Miscellaneous.

THE DEAD DANCERS.

of a fashionable tale of horror.

ball which he received in his breast, and hension. was an elegant waltzer, but owing to the state of his health he could never take more than one or two turns Sunday, June 17, 7 o'clock P. M. upon the floor without being overcome by exhaustion, and indeed his physician had expressly forbidden him to share in that exciting dance. Waltzing, though subsequently written out of fashion by the authors of Salmagundi, at that time nearly as much in vogue as at present, -, who affected to be a al to their immediate business; all adver- lady of ton, was one of the first always to join the graceful whirl. Partners,

unless when foreigners were present, and wreck. In spite of every exertion to save it chanced one evening that Miss entered a ball-room just when Captain ty persons were either consumed or drown-Frenchman about him to resist the appeal. He begged a short respite however, which was granted, while the careless girl rattled away with the beaux who had men's cabin was in flames, when the dreadclustered around her as she leaned upon ful condition of the boat was discoveredthe arm of her silent lover. After a the engine was stopped for the purpose of very brief time, a single quadrille only lowering the yawi, into which the frightwere called to the floor, and the thought. fused to leave until the fastenings at one The dancers moved, and the slow time in rescuing the persons unfortunately the first round with apparent case,-He seemed, too, to gather life as the time and the music quickened, and the waltzers single pair; and now as anith, it they whirl around that the musicians in turn had to follow them with the most rapid execution. The gaze of the whole company was fixed on this eccentric pair, wnen by some hideous spasm. Her eyes rolled with an anxious, appealing look, while his became fixed with the stare of a maniac. Her arms fell listlessly by her side-his about her person; which folded in his embrace, was flung-with the last move of the delirious and dying man-a corpse upon the floor. The horror struck spectators sprang to the assistance of the unfortunate lady but she was already gone, and her lover expired before she could be released from his arm. An examination of the officer's body was proved that his death ensued from the dropping inwardly upon a mortal part, of the bullet he had so long carried about him; and in the sudden dilirium of his death agony he had wrought some fatal injury to the lady by the horri-

ble compression in which he held her. New York Mirror.

From the Voice of Sumter.

In our last we mentioned that Captain ISAAC SMITH, late Bank agent, had been killed in Gainsville on the 19th instant, by Col. Christopher C. Scott, who, tog ther with his brother Mr. Francis T Scott, and brother-in-law L. Q. Smith Esq. were under arrest for the offence .-Since then, the parties have been examined before two magistrates; and the result was that Col. C. C. Scott is committed to prison to await his trial at the Circuit Court in October next. The other two were discharged, there not being any evidence of guilt to bind them over .ment on Friday last; but owing to the report of the Sheriff that the Jail was insecure, an order was issued by Justice Boyd for his confinement in Tuskaloosa jails Without touching the merits of the

unhappy dispute which has hurried to the several children, and consigned to the standing, the husband of an amiable wife persons drowned have been found. thers. Paints, Oil, Glass, Putte and father of three small children, we sincerely deplore the event, and hope that on the authority of the survivors. have inflamed it.

From the Voice of Sumter.

months past, when he abandoned himself | Kingman, of Buffalo, and Mr. Hubbard, | blunders! And although "a Treasury of | uncompromising severity, as "despicable | retary of the Treasury-but that he had his dealings, and before he killed Sturde. the principal owners. A paragraph copied from a French vant, thriffy in business, he was violent Journal describing the death of a gentle- and dangerous in his resentments, and than while waltzing, is going the rounds declared frequently of late that he intenof the newspapers. The incident re- ded to kill some of his enemies before minds us of another which is said to have long. We are informed he spent the occurred in this city many years since, whole of last night at the gaming table, and which might furnish the groundwork and this morning about sunrise walked to his desk, took out his pistol and sent the , a young lady of beau- load through his lungs, of which he inty and accomplishments, but of a dispo- stantly died. From the unsettled state of sition singularly perverse and exacting, his mind, and the known malignity of his was betrothed to a French officer who had feelings, he was an object to be avoided been placed upon the half pay list from be- by every one; and his death has relieving incapacitated for service by a musket ed the community of much painful appre-

> CLEVELAND HERALD AND GAZETTE-Extra.

DREADFUL STEAMBOAT DIS ASTER ON LAKE ERIE-BUR-NING OF THE GEO. WASH. THIRTY TO FIFTY LIVES!

The new steamboat George Washington Captain Brown, took fire on her passage down, just below Dunkirk, about two o'clock on Sunday morning, 16th inst. and however, were not easy to be obtained with a frightful rapidity became a burning the passengers and crew, from thirty to fif--had waltzed a few turns and led. The number lost is variously estima-

overcome with the exercise, was about ted, and cannot as yet be ascertained with retiring from the room. The lady was certainty, as the papers and books of the provoked at having arrived too late to se. | boat were destroyed. The lowest number cure her lover for the first dance, and with named is thirty, and some place it as high a want of consideration truly unfeminine, as sixty. We understand some of the oflaid her hand upon his arm to detain him ficers of the boat judge the number of pasin passing. Poor monsieur - though sengers lost to be about 20, and 10 of the le and sinking, had too much of the crew. Several ladies and children among the missing. We have heard no names.

The scene was heart-rending. The bulk head between the boilers and gentlehaving intervened, the walizing couples ened passengers quickly crowded, and re-- hurried her partner in. end gave way, and the whole were precipto the gay circle. The band struck up, itated into the Lake. Much time was lost enabled the invalid Captain to get through | plunged into the water, thus detaining the only boat that could take them off to the shore. The yawl was despatched to land with a load as soon as possible, but did not moved faster and faster; nav, his strength return in time to take off a second, though was so renewed, that he soon tired out the several were picked up by the boat strugother couples. The floor was left to this gling to reach land on boards, boxes, &c. and hy swimming. A number succeeded in reaching the shore by the aid of noams moveables.

The North America was some 15 mile ahead of the Washington, and as soon as suddenly the face of the lady was seen to the flames were discovered, came back to turn almost of a purple colour, while the her aid, though not in time to do more than features of her partner worked as if affected pick up several persons struggling in the water, and to tow the burning wreck into Silver Creek. The hull was scuttled and sunk at the wharf, nothing but the blackened timbers of the wheel-houses being visseemed to contract like hinges of iron ible. No property was saved from the

> We learn that after stopping her engine to lower the yawl, the Washington became unmanageable, and could not be got under way again. The tiller ropes had parted, and the flames cut off all access to the en-

The above particulars were derived prinipally from the officers and passengers on the N. York, and may not be entirely correct in details. The New York stopped at Silver Creek, and brought up Captain Brown to Ashtabula.

Few serious accidents have happened in he navigation of Lake Erie by steamnone ever to compare with this in destruction to human lives. It may be mentioned that a boat called the Washington was built in 1833, one of the finest and largest boats ever upon the Lake. That was wrecked on her second trip, this one burned upon the first.

The lake was perfectly calm at the time of the accident.

From the Cleveland Herald and Gazette, Monday, June 18th.

FURTHER PARTICULARS. The intelligence to-day confirms subwere saved, and the number lost is suppo- ard's spots, and washed the Æthiopian sed to be forty or fifty. The small boat, white? condition of the boat, and thus more lives their sycophancy. "This transcendency preserved any thing like presence of mind, reserved for our modern Jackson-van Bugrave an intelligent citizen, the father of The second engineer of the boat, who was the inditer of this sneer is now amongst the have rescued her from her present danger. saved, thinks that thirty or forty must have foremost! his line, to which he invites the at- gloomy walls of a prison, another of high been burned on the boat. Eight bodies of

to a reckless course. Although honest in of Ashtabula, we understand, are among Bank credits in the hands of 40,000 office-

## POLITICAL.

From the Lynchburg Virginian. THE WASHINGTON REFORMER. OF 1837,

THE WASHINGTON CHRONICLE,

OF 1838. [Both Edited by R. K. Cralle, Esq.]

We happened, a few days ago, to lay

our hands on a No. of the "Washington Reformer," dated May 31st 1837-and we were absolutely astonished, when we compared the tone of its editorials with those which now appear, from the pen of the same gentleman, in the pages of the Washington Chronicle. Aware, as we were, that of all the opponents of the present administration, not one had been more unrelenting and bitter in his hostility than INGTON, AND LOSS OF FROM that gentleman,-for whom, by the way, we entertain the highest personal respect confident that his change of opinion is attributable to any other than corrupt motives,-we were yet not prepared for such rancorous denunciation and such unsparing invective, as we found displayed before us in that paper. As it is sometimes useful to hold a mirror up to one who seems to have forgotten "what manner of man he was," we hope our friend of the Chronicle will not think we deal too harsly with him if we call his attention to a catalogue and brief description of the editorial articles which appeared in the Reformer, of and Cashiers of these Unit Regulators? the 31st May, 1837.

> 1. The leading article is headed "Corruptions of the Administration;" and is devoted to an exposure of the course pursued by the "Royalist" majority of the Committee of Investigation, appented under Mr. Wise's celebrated resolution of enquiry into abuses alleged by him to exist in the administration of the government.-And never have we read a more glowing pourtrayal of the base means by which that investigation was stifled, -stifled, as the Reformer declares, by the "perjury and corruption of the Royalist" majority of the Committee. Never have we seen more indignant feeling manifested, at the escape of the guilty, thus screened by the conduct of unprincipled partizans, from the punishment due to their offences against Patriotism and Morals! And yet, with all these "Corruptions" unatoned for, and uneradicated from our political system,what do we behold? The editor of the Reformer, now the editor of the Chronicle. stands forth the champion of the mon by vision they were perpetrated-a main pillar of the administration, which, by his own showing, is guilty of enormittee that it dare not expose to public scrutiny!!-And all this because he happens to concur with it in opinion that the Sub-Treasury adopt-a mere hypothesis, at best; which experience may demonstrate to be unsound and pernicious, as the same great teacher has so often done heretofore in reference to "Experiments," brought forward with equal boldness, and avouched with equal confidence!

2. The next editorial article in the Re former, is headed "Effrontery!" and is devoted to a criticism upon a letter of Senator Silas Wright of N. Y. to a portion of the people of Burlington, Vermont, by whom that distinguished mouth-piece of the administration had been invited to partake of a public dinner. Mr. Wright having talked much of "democracy" in his letter, (as is the habit of those who seek to gull the people by plastering unpalatable measures with a popular name,) the Reformer thus rebukes him: "It appears to us to require something more than or-Royal prerogative and power to prate about 'democratic principles;' but it has ceive the people must of course play upon their prejudices." And now, for sooth, the late editor of the Reformer is hand and glove with Senator Wright, and echoes all his cant about "democracy," while he upholds "these advocates of Reyal prerogative and power!" How does the editor of the Chronicle account for his sudder transformation? Has the advocacy of the stantially that published by us in an extra Sub-Treasury scheme atoned for all past this morning. About fifty persons in all offences? Has it obliterated the Leop-

turned to the wreck again. Many of the exhibits the "Magic of Power"-exceria-

Many most distressing incidents are told and especially their "idle and ridiculous of the present ign specie circulars." It densunces the ad. commanders." An English gentleman, his wife, two ministration as a set of flunderers and . Is there, in this paragraph, any thing to it may serve as a painful warning to others against the indulgence of strong and ers against the indulgence of strong and others against the indulgence of strong and other against the indulgence of strong against the indulgence of stron An English gention of the moment he children overboard and they were drowned. He himself perished in the flames. His wife leaped overboad and they were drowned. He himself perished in the flames. His wife leaped overboad and clumpton of a floating billet and was saved.

A woman and her two children were picked up floating on a plank. One of the children was dead in her arms. A lade of the children was dead in her arms. A l The Coroner held an Inquest this morning the past year, and respectfully inform the public that they have now an issuance of the surface of t The Coroner held an Inquest this morn- clung to a floating billet and was saved. the "whole concern would go by the board, struction of the constitution, and an Abo-

holders," may be madness, yet a Treasury the science of finance!

Richmond Enquirer is castigated for "pra- minister, Walpole: ting about a National Bank," which the "Lo! where he stands, amidst the servile crew, Reformer correctly stigmatised as "the old key-note of miserable demagogueism," al. though its successor, the Chronicle, is now ringing the changes on the same worn-out tune. In reply to this remark of the Enquirer, "If we are to have another Nation. al Bank, give us one under a different organization," the Reformer broke out in

the following indignant strain: "Aye, the cloven-foot-the cloven-foot-We see the cloven-foot. This "DIF-FERENT ORGANIZATION" is a very potent and pregnant phrase. What sort of an "ORGANIZATION" is desirable?-one in which our Royal Master, and his obedient vassals, shall have the whole control? Another Excheques PRO-JECT? A bank founded on the National States, and nourished by the bank democrats of the Kitchen Cabinet? Is this the tained by Mr. Calhoun, and of those who longed to his God; but for his acts he must "DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION" so earnestly obey his orders. There are a few of Mr. be held responsible, and punished if invoked? Are the State banks reduced to one, according to the views of a writer however, they are, in this State,-whose in the same columns, and made the "UNIT" regulators of the currency, under the supervision and control of Whitney, or some other accredited agent near the Treasnry? | should desert Van Buren, they would un-Who are to be the Presidents, Directors, hesitatingly tread in his footsteps; either Is our Royal Master to determine that?— tion to the Presidential election, as South Are not these two projects running through | Carolina, under his guidance, has done, for the brains of this editor? And what if we eight years past, or to enter, with a fierce Nov. 9, 1835, do not submit to the scheme? Why then zeal, into the contest, as the partizan of Due from J. W. we are Bank-bought aristocrats; or, as a Bentonian scribbler in the same columns denominates us, the "SCRUB ARISTOCRATS." Are these to be the enithets under color of which the Government is to be converted into a vast banking machine, with Mr. Van Buren and the Kitchen Cabinet at the head of it? Or if these projects fail, are we to be carried back to listen to the old song of the rotary Senator about a METAL-LIC CURRENCY? Is this humbug to take place of the "GLORIOUS EXPERIMENT?"

And so on, through a column more.-And who could have supposed that the writer of this paragraph would ever have been found,-much less in the brief space of twelve months,-fighting under the banners of "our Royal Master," joining in the chorus of the "Bentonian scribblers." against "Bank-bought aristocrats," and in favor of the humbug of a metallic currency? Yet it is even so. How short-sighted is the most gifted of our race! Had the Little Magician revealed to the editor of the Reformer, on the 31st of May, 1837, the "position" which, as editor of the Chronicle, he would occupy on the 31st of is the best financial system which it can May, 1838, he would have spened the prophetic revelation with indignant seorn. We can hardly believe the evidence of our own senses. We should certainly have

been incredulous to the voice of prophecy 6. The sixth article in the editorial department of the Reformer has this caption: The next President," and is designed to then seemingly threatened by the premature discussion of the rival pretensions of Webster, Clay and Harrison. Listen to what our "late ally," who now pretends that he never was a Whig, said in May, this was more than Roman virtue; hozan-

"We would earnestly and calmly cal upon Editors friendly to a reform of exist ing abuses, to pause and reflect before they proceed further. The different portions of the country which furnish, when combined, the strength of the opposition, and upon which the hopes of the Reformers dinary audacity for these advocates of are founded, have their peculiar preferences as to the next President. One portion prefers Gen. Harrison -another Mr. ever been thus: those who propose to de-ceive the people must of course play upon Clay—another Judge White—another Mr Webster, and another (and we readily admit we belong to this) Mr. Calhoun. How then does it become a party to act under such circumstances? Were the times peaceful and quiet-were the sky clear and the waves at rest, we might indulge the inquiry; but the storm is upon us, and the barque of State, guided by incompetent hands, is rushing fearfully upon the rocks. Is this the time, then, to be dispudeck hereafter? No, no. The voice of reason and patriotism, & the strong sense of mutual danger, demand that all hands should first unite to save the ship from passengers were fruntic at learning the ting some of the "Royalist" presses for foundering. The safety and security of each and all require that every man should were lost than would have been had they of servility," (says the Reformer,) "was first put his hand to this work. Let us save the dismantled and leaking vessel which however could hardly be expected. ren-Democratic-Republicars"—of whom first;—and when, by united efforts, we ous position, and are again running se-

high-minded men could not consort." In which he had obtained further induly 5. But to the fifth article, which is head- which it said might be applied with equal ped up, would be crushed to death.—
ed "The Remedy." In this article the justice to our President as to the British Thus the whole union must be plundered

"No blushes stain his cheek with crimson hue; feet, and bury them beneath his carcase. "While dire corruption all around he spreads, This doubtless will be quite satisfactory "And every ductile conscience captive leads;-"Bribed by his boons, behold the venal band "Worship the idol they could once command We deeply regret, as all who know the

editor of the Chronicle must marvel, that he can now associate with, and sustain men, against whom, within so brief a space. he wrote such bitter things.
But we must pause. I nere are several other editorial articles of the Reformer, equally striking, which we have no room to notice at length this morning. Indeed, we should not have undertaken the task of exposing the inconsistent course of the ed- at least as his actions were concerned) itor of the Chronicle at all-our personal | we had little to say in reply-indeed he regard for him would have restrained us had gone farther in convicting himself, from so doing-were we not certain that than we were possessed of information to Treasury, with grafts transplanted in the his sentiments in 1837 were then, as they do-We argued, that with a man's mo-

are now, the mere echoes of those enter- tives the public had no concern, they be-Calhoun's old friends,-very few indeed, wrong. partiality for him is so strong that they are faulters: determined to follow whithersoever he may lead the way; and if to-morrow he to preserve a dignified neutrality in relaany man, be his opinions what they may, phenson, on the 28th Jan., whom Mr. C. might brand as orthodox. 1838. It seems strange to us, however, that any person can repose confidence in the judgment, however they may believe in the integrity, of one, whose opinions, on all subjects, have been "As variable as the shade

"By the light quivering of the aspen made."

From the Woodville Republican. MR. G. D. BOYD'S SPEECH.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Boyd addressed the citizens of this county in an attempt to excuse himself, for being a defaulter to the Government, as Receiver of Public monies at the Land Office in Columbus Miss.-He acknowledged his guilt-that is, that he was actually a defaulter, but tives and that he had retained the confidence of those with whom he was best known,-which he urged at some length as evidence to extenuate any imputation upon his honesty-But Mr. B. then spoilt all the effect that this argument might have had; for he immediately confessed, that after he had fully ascertained that he was a defaulter, his friends (of course the same he had retained the confidence of) came to him-honorable men-"ALL HONORABLE MEN," and advised him to prevent a division in the WHIG ranks, in entering Lands; but such was his inuse the public money, without restraint, flexible public virtue, his immaculate honesty, that he could not be induced to use more than \$12,000 of the people's monas to such an incorruptible public serpatriot's motives?

vant!-Who doubts the purity of such a became due; this Shylock urged immediate payment which could not be complied with by the debtors—they applied to Mr. B. whom they knew had public money in his hands, saying "lend us \$10,000-or promise to lend it to us, for if Shylock may make a more advantageous compromise with him."-These worthy whigs did not make the application in vain-the the amount was lent them-although Mr. B. had taken a solemn oath, on the ting as to who shall occupy the quarter. "Holy Evangelists of Almighty God" to obey the "laws of the United States," &c.; and although the lending of this money was a palpable violation of his oath, yet such is his public spirit, his philanthropic benevolence, that he did not hesitate to make this great sacrifice for the double purpose of unishing the cupidity of a Shylock, and promote the laudable object of female education-(Really from the obstuseness of the gentleman's intellect, or his utter deficiency in forming a pro-4. The fourth article abuses the administration for their Currency experiments, he was doing right in this instance)-In what barbarous or inhospitable region of the earth will there not be found matrons

sans culottes," with whom "honorable and written a letter to the Secretary by of Government credits, in the same hands, reference to Mr. Van Buren and his con- for he described himself as a great long is the neplus ultra of human wisdom, in fidential advisers, the Reformer quotes the Colossus standing in the midst of a host following lines of the indignant satirist, of pigmies, whom if his heels were trip-

of \$60,197 00, for fear Mr. B. may fall upon the pigmy tribe crawling around his to the people. How cheerful will the work to save Mr. Boyd and his friends from so great a calamity. Why Mr. Boyd is quite as unreasonable as the "Lovers" of Dryden, who, in a fervent ejaculation exclaimed.

"Ye Gods, annihilate but time and space, yet maka tun lovers happy."

Again we ask, who can doubt the purity of this gentleman's motives? We made a very brief reply to Mr. B. As he had acknowledged his guilt (as far

We then read the following list of de-

"Amounts for which suits are instituted against Receivers or Sub-Treasurers. Due from W. P. Harris,

on the 16th March, 1836, \$109,178 08 Due from G. D. Boyd, Aug. 31, 1837, 60,197 13 Due from L. Hawkins, 115,462 64

74,859 60 Due from S. W. Bealt. March 1838, 36,097 39 Due from R. H. Sterling, Jan., 1838, 11,762 52 Due from A. Mitchell 28th Feb. 1837 54,625 55 Due from A. Hutchins.

Nov. 1837.

15,234 00 \$577,410 00

We appealed to the audience to say if they were willing to tolerate such ronduct in their public officers-if so they would soon become the mere drudges and slaves of their rulers—that in n odern times, tyranny reached the people through the purse exclusively-and that a Despot who would wantonly fall upon his subjects and murder them, that had thus been liberal in yielding up the truits of their in-dustry to himself and to his co-workers, would act as foolish a part as the shepherd that should cut the throats of the

sheep that yielded him their rich fleece. We contended that if the people of this Republic had the least intention of perpetuating to their posterity the free institutions bequeathed to them by their fathers, that they must arrest at once and forever the corrupt and profligate career of the administration—that they must expel its adherents at all hazards, from the holy temple of liberty consecrated to us by so many glorious recollections of patriotism and valor of our ancestors.

We will add only a word or two in addition to what we then said-that the enormous defalcations of public officers which hurried the Government into its present state of bankruptcy, has been principally occasioned by the incompetent and unprincipled office-holders who Mr. B. next related a most affecting have been promoted to stations to which incident. He said that a certain number they had no claims, merely as a compenof whigs in Lowndes county had borrow- sation for their services as political demaof whigs in Lowings to the some griping ed money (\$10,000) from some griping gogues—The history of the removal of the Deposites; the corrupt use which erecting a Female Academy—they were the pet banks were compelled to unable to pay the amount at the time it make of them in loaning them out to party speculators, is fresh in the memory of all; we need not therefor add another word on this subject; we feel again called upon however, to ask a free and enlightened people, if it is not now high time to commence a reform of the abuses of this Government. Can liberty exist in the midst of such appalling corruptions as that which we have just exposed; Those that think so, will find themselves mistaken when purhaps it may be too late; a stern and inflexible public virtue and a rigid economy are essential to

> N. D.-We had almost forgot another rgument used by Mr. B.; he excused himself for his offences, on the grounds that his predecessor was a defaulters and Van Buren; he thinks with him, that it is his imperative duty "to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor. This was a powerful argument to those who believe in the beauties of Van Buren-